Action (CoBRA) in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). Like the 'Grey Hounds' in Andhra Pradesh, this will be a specialized force, trained in Jungle/Gureilla Warfare skills and provided with the relevant equipment, weaponry, etc.

The proposed time schedule for raising of the 10 Battalions is given below:-

| Year | Number and Location |
|---|---|
| 2008-09 | 2 (Orissa and Chhattisgarh) |
| 2009-10 | 4 (Jharkhand, Assam, Bihar and Maharashtra) |
| 2010-11 | 4 (West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh) |

(c) The CoBRA battalions will be fully funded by the Central Government.

(d) After establishment and operationalisation of the CoBRA battalions, their units would be deployed at various places as per need.

**Ban on import of Chinese toys**

*55. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rationale behind the decision of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade in banning the import of Chinese toys;

(b) whether it is a fact that there were growing complaints about how safe they were for children;

(c) what is the likely impact of the ban on Indian market and society; and

(d) whether the Directorate is contemplating to increase its scope and ban more items from China?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) The prohibition on import of toys from China has been imposed in response to concerns of health and safety faced by users of Chinese toys. The prohibition is an interim measure during which the Government intends to examine the issue in detail, for Notification of mandatory standards applicable on toys in India. Application of mandatory standards on toys will have a positive impact on the society in terms of availability of safe toys for children in India.

Import Policy of the country is decided by the Government taking into consideration a large number of factors including the interest of the consumers and those of the producers. At present there is no proposal under consideration for banning import of any further items from China.

**Reduction in employment opportunities**

†*56. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that no employment opportunity has been generated in the financial services, information technology, retail sector, auto industry, textile industry and real estate sector in the first nine months of the year 2008-09;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that reduction has been made in the employment opportunities in the above industrial sectors during the said period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Estimates of employment and unemployment are made on the basis of quinquennial surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). Last such survey (61st round) was conducted in 2004-05. No data is collected by the Central Government on annual/quarterly basis on generation of employment opportunities.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Labour and Employment carried out a sample survey covering 2581 units drawn from 20 centres, covering 11 States/U.Ts to assess the impact of economic slowdown on employment during October-December 2008 in industries/sectors of Mining, Textiles, Metals, Gems and Jewellery, Automobile, Transport and IT/BPO. Decrease in employment has been revealed in all the sectors, except the IT/BPO sector, wherein it has shown a marginal increase (0.55 per cent). Average monthly decline in employment was highest (8.58 per cent) in Gems and Jewellery followed by Transport (4.03 per cent), Automobiles (2.42 per cent), Metals (1.91 per cent), Textiles (0.91 per cent) and Mining (0.33 percent).

**Constitution of FIA for terrorist incidents**

†*57. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to constitute a Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) for investigation of terrorist incidents and taking effective action;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether State Governments have agreed to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The National Investigation Agency has been constituted under the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 which was passed by the Parliament after due debate and discussion, for investigation and prosecution of offences affecting the sovereignty, security and integrity of India, security of State friendly relations with foreign states and Acts enacted to implement international treaties, agreements and conventions, falling under the Acts listed in the Schedule to the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008. It would operate in a concurrent jurisdiction framework and take up selected cases.

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